MANY hundreds of thousands of dollars are wasted every year by churches in their building perations: not through dishonesty, ut through ignorance.

Some churches waste money by not uilding at all when they ought to build. One such church, in a Mid-western ommunity, had an auditorium and base- ent room that had been built thirty ars before. The building was unat- ctive in its architecture, and was bad- in need of repairs and paint. There e no classrooms for Christian educa- n. Instead of going forward, this urch was slipping backward. Its mbership was steadily decreasing, and influence continuously waning.

Another church in the community, th more vision and faith and courage, paired and remodeled its old building, d added a new two-story educational d recreational building. Consequent- this church made rapid gains in its embership, in its influence, and in its efulness. Its improved facilities en- bled it to do better work, and attracted o it people of intellectual and financial bility. It became more spiritual and nore active. Its building operations paid big spiritual and financial divi- dends.

Some churches waste money by spend- ing too much time counting the cost be- fore entering upon a building enterprise.

Many a building enterprise has been wrecked at the very beginning on the rock of "We haven't the money with which to build." This statement usually means, in fact, "We are not willing to give the money we have."

Many a comparatively poor church has found that it could raise the money for a new building when it tried. Many churches have surprised themselves and others with the amounts they have been able to raise for building enterprises when they have proceeded with intelligence and faith.

Some churches have been able to raise only a part of the money needed for a new building, and have gone in debt for the balance. Probably nine-tenths of all our church buildings have been erected with debts. Frequently, a debt has proved to be a blessing to a church, when it was not so large as to become overburdensome and discouraging.

What a church needs principally is not money with which to build, but the will to build. With the will to build, it usually finds a way.

In no case should money have first consideration in connection with a build- ing project. The church should first find out exactly what it needs in the way of building and equipment; and then, after it knows exactly what it wants, and has had plans developed, it can go after the money with intelligence and with expectation of success.

To solicit money before the plans are worked out on the basis of a program of activities is to proceed without a defin- ite basis of appeal, and to court failure. Experience has shown that twice as much money can be raised for a build- ing project after the house has been built on paper as can be raised without such preparation.

Some churches waste money by choos- ing a cheap architect.

It is always expensive to seek to eco- nomize on architects. The fees of com- petent, reputable architects are most reasonable as compared with the fees

Responsive Reading (Leader and Congregation):

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! (Isa. 52:7)

Congregation: For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee. (Isa. 54:10)

Leader: And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. (Isa. 54:13)

Congregation: For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. (Isa. 55:12)

Leader: And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever. And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. (Isa. 32:17, 18)

Congregation: I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints: but let them not turn again to folly. (Ps. 85:8)

Leader: Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace. (Ps. 37:37)

Congregation: Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us. (Isa. 26:12)

Leader: And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also. (I John 4:21)

Congregation: For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men. Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. (Rom. 14:17-19)

Leader: Let brotherly love continue. (Heb. 13:1)

Congregation: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. (Rom. 12:10)

Leader: He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. (I John 2:9-11)

Congregation Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (Matt. 5:23)

Leader: Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27)

Congregation: Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. (Rom. 15:13)

Leader: And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:7)

Congregation: The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up his countenance and give thee peace. (Nu. 6:26)

Song—Lead Us, O Father.

The Congregation and Leader now rise, read aloud the text of the Kellogg